COMMUNICATION.

Secession .- BY J. B. JOHNSON. If we apprehended the true relation of the two parties in Virginia, we are not mistaken

in the assertion that they were divided into that of secession on one hand, and of Union on the other. We heard the various speeches of the candidates of both sides of the question, and not one, that we heard, ever announced to the people, that he was in favor of "submission," unconditional unionism -Therefore, there was no submission party in the field for conventional honor, and the only difference which we could perceive between the two parties, may be thus stated. The Secessionists had no confidence in the people of the North, and declared that Virginia would never be able to adjust the difficulties which beset her interest, in a manner commensurate with her satety and honor, while she remained a part of the Union. The Unionists thought otherwise, and made issue with the Secessionists by contending that there was a conservative element in the North which might be brought to listen to the appeal of compromise, and that, if, after exhausting all honorable means to adjust the autortunate sectional difference, the North failed to heed their propositions for peace. they would secede.

This was the understanding between the frank Secessionist and the honest Unionist: and with this agreement the respective candidates went into the contest for seats in the proposed convention. The result of election was the choice of one hundred and seventeen Union men, and thirty-four Secessionists .-The consequence was, that the Secessionists were in an impotent minority in the Convention and every proposition which they made. in that body looking towards secession, was promptly and signally voted down, upon more than one occasion. Hence, they had no numerical influence, and did not possess even the balance of power.

Thus the Unionists had the whole control of the machinery of the Convention; and they failed in every effort which they made to conciliate the fanatios of the North. Finally, as the last resort, they appointed a committee of three to repair to the President of the non-seceded States, and ask him if he really did mean what he said. Mr. Lincoln's reply was, "of course I do. Did you read my mangaral? If you do not understand it, I will explain it to you? Certainly I mean to enforce the laws and collect the revenue and retake forts, &c." Stung to the heart, by such a cold-blooded rebuff, the committee of three, returned immediately to the Convention, and with feelings of the deepest chagrin, told its members that Mr. Lincoln's reply to their interrogatories, left them to pursue one of two courses, viz: submission, or secession. The Convention being composed, with the exception of a few individuals. of reliable and honest men, concluded that it had, in the fullest acceptation, exhausted all honorable means in order to settle the pending sectional dispute, and under the force of inexorable circumstances, redeemed the pledge to the people by causing Virginis to recall those powers and rights which she delegated to the Federal Government in

the month of June 1788. The object which we have in indulging in the above retrospection is to prove-Ist. that the Secessionists were not themselves able to puss the ordinance of secession, and 2nd. To reconcile the Union men to their own work. If they do not sustain their act in the coming election they may be charged with the grossest inconsistency; for we take it, that the Union men were actuated by the highest honor, in their patriotic endeavors to save intact the fragments of a once resplendent Nation. If they should vote against an ordinance based upon their own promises and made effective by their own votes, then it might be concluded, that they did not know what they were saying when they promised to secede the State after they had exhausted all honorable means. Such is the predica ment in which those Union men, who fail to support the ordinance, will place themselves. The acts in the Convention, as matters have terminated, should be to them, a source of great pleasure: for they did truly exhaust every expedient to maintain peace, and no escape was left them save that of self-preservation. If there is justice in Heaven, and impartiality on earth, their conduct must receive the smiles of the Almighty and the approbation of an unpredjuced world. They struck the toesin that called from plain, dale, and mountain, the loyal sons of noble Virgicia, and bade them rush to the proud side of their lofty old mother State, and array themselves, like impregnable mail, to guard her generous bosom from the polluting touch of a vindictive foe When her sons' sabers gleam with the light of their valor. and their cannons thunder the force of their might, let not the timid distract the council of the brave, or give hope to the enemy by hope and fidelity be written upon every

death to the fee! Alexandria May, 1861.

DIED.

Yesterday at the residence of James C. Nevett, Mrs. CATHERINE HALL, of Washington .-Her funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. [Washington Star copy.]

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Fish Market, May 15. The supply of Fish continue good, and prices bave declined. We quote Shad at \$5 @\$5 50 \$ hundred, and Herring at \$2.50@\$4 2 thousand.

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MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-MAY 15. MEMORANDA. Arrived at Washington, on Tuesday, the Uni

ted States dispatch steamship "Keystone State," Lieut Trenchard commanding, thirty five hours from New York on the 12th. At 11, A. M., passed steamer Dawn, bound South; at 34 P. M., passed frigate Minnesota, bound South; at 7 P. M., in the Chesapeaks, communicated with steam tug Yankee: on the 13th, at 51 P. M., met steamer Mount Vernon; at & P. M., met the steamer Pocahontas, bound down; on the 14th, at 6 A. M., met steamship Bienville, bound down; detained in the Potomae 13 hours by fug.

We are authorized to announce Rost. E. Scorr and RICHARDS PAYNE, esqrs., as Candi- the first case under the law of lastCongress, which dates for the Legislature from the County of Pau- authorized mail discontinuances in cases of illegal

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THOMAS L. BROUN, of Kaunwha, is a candidate for the Board of Public Works, nominated by the States Rights party of Kanawha. my 13-dtE

NOTICE .- All who wish to join the new will leave their names at the Barber Shop of Mr. their defects. This happened, however, du-John Birrell, on Prince street. my 16-3t

present crisis by the month. They are located in a bealthy and retired neighborhood.

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Interesting from Harper's Ferry. The correspondent of the Baltimore Amer-

ican furnishes the following life-like picture of the Virginia camp at Harper's Ferry:-No visitor to Harper's Ferry can well fail to have his attention challenged by the appearance of the Kentucky Regiment, not less by the greater frequency with which its uniform is seen over any other than by the striking appearence of the stal-

wart and keen eved men composing it.

Better material for good soldiers, it would seen at a glance, could not be desired. The men were generally above the ordinary height, stoutly framed, and wore upon their countenances an expression of ready intelligence and of resolution which conveyed a promise of deeds of heroism whenever the hour of action shall come. The majority of thom, as I learned from one of its intelligent membors, are from the counties of Western Kentucky, considerable portion of the remainder hailing from Lonisville. Their expertness with the rifle is a subject of remark in the camp, and was publicly illustrated one day last week, when at a target-firing parade of the regiment five out of every six shots fired hit the mark within a circumference of thirty-six inches. They number about six hundred, are uniformed in blue woolen hunting shirts and trowsers, with slouched hats, and are commanded by Col. Blanton V. Duncan, a wealthy gentleman of Kentucky, who served in the regiment of that State with distinction during the Mexican war. Col. Duncan raised, equipped and transported his regiment to Virginia entirely at his own expense. The Kentuckians are armed with Minnie rifles. They are specially detailed to guard the strongly fortified Maryland Heights, the key to the whole position. They know it to be the post of danger, and express an eager desire

for the fight which they believe is soon to occur. The number of soldiers in Harper's Ferry is but small compared with the expectations of those visting the place. The effect is due to the care with which the forces there have been distributed through the town, the camp upon the hills at Bolvar, and upon the surrounding heights. From a well informed source I learn that the number of oldiers in and about the town is estimated in camp at 7,000, a considerable portion of whom were not armed until last week. This number is daily increasing by additions from Virginia and from distant parts of the Confederacy. A company of Tennesseeans arrived last week, a company from Arkansas are on the road, and a Louisiana

regiment was daily expected to arrive. The Baltimoreans and Marylanders, of whom there are a large number-exceeding two hundred and fifty, I was told, in camp-are to be formed into one distinct Maryland Regiment. The two companies of Captains Wellmore and Mullin, which passed through Frederick from Baltimore last week, have been supplied with arms and sta ioned at Point of Rocks.

Another squad of sixteen Baltimoreans passed brough Frederick Saturday night on their way o Harper's Ferry, and we encountered on the road yesterday, within five or six miles of the same place, a squad of six stout recruits for the Virginia service from Baltimore county. The were furnished with some money by our party and reached their destination about noon. The conduct of the Baltimoreans during their march through this section has been much commended They appear to have abstained from every ac which should excite prejudice against them.

Montgomery county is represented in the cam by a large number of her young men, and Charle and Prince George's counties ditto. The variety of upiforms to be met with at Harper's Ferry almost endless, embracing more styles than the Regulation" book has recorded for a half century, and presenting nearly every shade of colors It is evident, however, that the pompous ideas of old tie-wig Europe, that a soldier should be literally "dressed to death," have been effectually exploded, and that a more utilitarian and comprehensive view of the requirement of the soldier now prevails. This is observable in the increasing popularity of the simple flannel shirt worn a la Garibaldi, and for the loc very large portion of the Virginia troops at Harper's Ferry are uniformed with the former, while not a few stordy farmers may be seen with no other dress than their home manufactured homespun or Kentucky jean. Of them it may be truly

"They mustered in their simple dress. For wrongs to seek a stern redress;

To right those wrongs, come weal, come woe, To perish, or o'ercome the foe." Here, as at the Gosport Navy Yard, the amount property destroyed by the Federal Government has been but slight in comparison with the extent of the works, or with those left untouched. Indeed, so slight has been the destruction at Harper's Ferry that the visitor is at first unable to letect the evidence of it.

With the exception of the Arsenal, two old buildings, situated outside the Armory enclosure. and the upper section of one of the workshops, and that apparently its most unimportant portion, the completeness and efficiency of Harper's Ferry as an Arsenal and manufactory of arms have been untouched.

All, or nearly all, the valuable machinery have been removed from the several armories to Richmond and the interior of the State, where it will probably be placed in a condition to be used immediately.

The rifle works were left entire, and are being put to effective service in the manufacture of arms, cartridger, &c. A double force is being employed in these important labors, and their skill and energy is rapidly supplying an deficiency of "shooting irons" which may exist in Virginia. The work is much facilitated by the large quantities of barrels, locks, sights, and other appurtenances of a musket or rifle, which have been saved unimpaired from among the ruins of the

armory. Of the 30,000 muskets supposed to have been destroyed in the building it is estimated that at least one-half of that number will be found serviceable. These, together with ramrods, bayonets, &c., have all been removed from the ruins, and the gloomy pictures of a dark future; but let throws in piles outside the burnt walls of the Arsenal.

The great body of the soldiers are quartered, brow, and dire will be the fare of those who within the vast workshops of the Armory, from place themselves in the lion path of Virginia's which the machinery has been removed. These crushing tread. Victory to the brave, and have been converted in huge barracks, and all their available space devoted to the accommodation of the troops. It is seldom that the chances of war afford quarters more comfortable or healthful than are here to found.

In addition to the Armery, nearly all the larger ouses in its vicinity are being used as barracks indeed it appeared to me as if the entire town had been given up to the accommodation of the soldiers, every opened window into which I looked revealing the presence of a uniform within. Several companies are encamped at Bolivar, from the heights of which their white tents gleam with pie-

turesque effect. The Virginians are excessively indignant at the statements which have appeared in different newspapers relative to an alleged scarcity of provisions at Harper's Ferry. Several of them declared to me that provisions, and the best of it, are abundant there, and that the stock on hand is sufficient to

eed twice their number for six months. - Telegraphed from Washington

WASHINGTON, May 14 .- The following is the number of infantry regiments to be received from each State for the total increase of 75 regiments of three years' volunteers under the recent determination of the government: New York 11; Pennsylvania 10; Ohio 9; Illinois 6; Indiana 4; Massachusetts 5; Missouri 4; Kentucky 2; Wisconsin 2; Michigan 3; Iowa 2; New Jersey 3; Virginia 2; Maine, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire Vermont, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Delaware, Kansas, Nebraska and the District of Columbia, one regiment each. The other regiments, namey: of cavaly, have not yet been assigned. The government to-day accepted the services of

wo regiments for three months, and one for three years from Kansas. A society has been organized here, under the direction of Miss Dix, having for its object the relief of the volunteer soldiers now in Washington.

The Postmaster General to-day annulled the co ract for carrying the mail between St. Louis and Memphis, owing to the forcible stoppage of the steamers by which they were conveyed. This is

A rew weeks ago some lime in a bag was left on the floor of a shop on Brook street, Richmond, sailed for New York last night, Manchester. The frest had burst some of from Washington. the water-pipes on the premises; but the thaw had not reached them, so as to show ring the night; and a portion of the escaped water got into the bag of lime, which rested against a partition. The result was, that about HOUSES FOR KENT —The subscriber against a partition. The result was, that about half-past one o'clock the shop was discovered half-past one o'clock the shop was by a policeman to be on fire; and, although the officers worked energetically, the flames dence, he would take a few respectable boarders were not extinguished until damage to the amount of \$200, had been done.

> There was a beavy fall of snow in some portions of Western Virginia last week.

LOCAL ITEMS.

THE NORTHERN VIEW OF ALEXANDRIA .-We continue to-day our extracts from the pictures of Alexandria presented to the North by the press of that section. It is evident. that these descriptions are guess-work and it is not at all improbable are, in many cases, written in the New York sanctums.

"The Herald's Washington letter says:-The President accompanied by Secretary Seward and Thurlow Weed, made a tour of observation down the Potomacto-day. Early this morning the steamer Pawnee was moored off the city of Alexandria, so that her guns and mortars will command the town. She has several of James' rifled cannon on board, which will throw grape, shell hot shot or solid into any part of the town, and far beyond; into the camp of any army hat may be so imprudent as to pitch their tents in the suburbs of the city. A messenger who came in from Alexandria this evenng, says there are not one one hundred and fifty troops in the place, and they are not all armed. It is true that the secession flag still floats over the town. Senator Wade, upon observing it with a glass from the President's room yesterday, expressed his regret to Mr. Lincoln that it should be tolerated: to which Mr. L. replied that he did not think it would wave there long."

The Tribune thinks "if the federal Govern ment must see the rebel flag wave from the coofsef Alexandria, one of its ports of collection and in full view of its Capitol, and may ot resent the indignity nor repress the disevalty until the rebel authorities shall see to cross over the Federal District or the soil of an unsec-ded State, it would have the pretense of a Union exposed and kicked

A correspondent of the World who representing himself as visiting this city says:-Arriving at the Virginia end of the Long Bridge we crossed the "draw," which every night is opened and guarded with pickets, rmed with rifles.

About a mile and one-half beyond the tayern, where we had changed our conveyence, we came upon the first secession picket. The soldier had hitched his horse to a tree, leaned his gun against the fence, and lay stretched ipon the ground nearly asleen.

As we approached, he aroused, raised him-If upon his elbow, looked languidly at us. and then fell back, apparently for a nap -All the remainder of the journey to Alexandria the soldiers are scattered along the way, some mounted and others upon foot. Their duty is a peculiar one. They are stationed, as I subsequently learned, at the barracks in Alexandria, to guard the way, and on the approach of the federal troops to convey instant alarm to the city. With one or two exceptions, we had passed no persons except the picket-guards, and no vehicles except those which bere emigrating families and their goods. These were going in about equal numbers to and from Washington. A more people-forsaken and desolate city

have never seen than Alexandria. The louses are low, dirty, and closed; the streets are narrow, filthy, and rough, and the people in the sackcloth of sullen humiliation. he still air of a forest. Here and there a child was at play in the streets and a face was seen at a window. Nearly all the houses seemed deserted, and in one or two places I noticed that spiders had woven their webs across the door-ways. The stores, with few exceptions, were closed, blinded, and barred, and, where they were open, those who kept them either lounged within or sat pensively in the entrance. Now and then I came upon a few soldiers leaning against the buildings or sauntering before their quarters. The flag of secession floated over the public buildings and at the doors of the barracks. The wharves are completely deserted, and what little shipping remains is fastened to the piers, with sails furled or taken in. I did not see a single man or a sign of life there. At the hotel, a few persons in transitu rendered the scene a little more animated Everywhere save here and at the barracks the stillness of a perpetual Sabbath and the loneliness of a deserted city reigned like an all-prevading, all-oppressive spell. Before the barracks lay piles of straw which had been provided for the soldiers to fill their mattresses from. Fowls were scratching around these in an undisturbed search for food. Everywhere the impressive scene which met my view as I sauntered through the various parts of the city was the same. The withering blight of secession had stamcribable desolation broaded over the unhap-

I visited all the barracks and freely conversed with the addiers. They partake of the general spirit of the city All agreed that they were poorly cared for, that provisions, especially butter, were growing scarce, and that the place was at the mercy of the federal troops. The most of them are armed with United States muskets from Harper's Ferry, and many wear the "U. S." belts inverted in contempt. They quarter in small houses some sixty in each, and sleep upon straw, upon the floor. The entire force is four hundred volunteer soldiers and eighty cavalry. The following are the companies: Alexandria Riflemen Loudon Guards. Mount Vornon Guards, and Warren Rifles, beside one or two whose names I forget .-They seem, though enduring many privations and much suffering, to be quite con-

I was at the depot an hour before the train from Richmond came in, louging around and adapting myself as much as possible to the little coteries of men that stood waiting about the miserable rotten-floored station. Forty or fifty soldiers were carefully watching every movement about the building, and all the citizens and strangers, if there were any except myself, were talking earnestly on the great question. Not long after the arrival of the cars, I was met by a person in citizen's dress, who said he belie ved I was a stranger in the city. I replied 'something of one." "Are you a native of Virginia." "What is your business?" etc., ete, were the questions which followed, to none which I gave a very definite reply -He then informed me that my movements were watched and suspected, and "as a friend," so long as I was a stranger, he advisedme to leave the city. I thanked him for the friendly counsel, and as I had intenintended to depart the next opportunity which offered, was, ere very long, on my way to Washington, where I safely arrived

RIVER MOVEMENTS. - The St. Nicholas cleared yesterday morning, from Washing ington for Baltimore.

U. S. steamer Anacostia passed by this city yesterday morning, on her way down The U. S. steamers Cahawba and City of

The Baltimore, heavily loaded, went down the river vesterday evening. She landed at

Fort Washington. The steamer Marion, with provisions for Georgetown, got aground yesterday morning, a short distance above the Long Bridge.

FIRE.-The slarm of fire yesterday morning, between 8 and 9 o'clock, was caused by an incendiary attempt to burn the dwelling house of Lieut. W. W. Allen, on Henry street, between King and Cameron. No clue has as yet been obtained, by which the criminal can be discovered.

British zeal is quite busy in endeavoring to hunt up new sources of Cotton supply. Lord John Russell has officially written to all the ministers, consuls and agents of the British government in the cotton-growing States and countries calling upon them to stimulate the production of cotton to the ut-

A company has been formed in Manchester called the "Manchester Cotton Company," with a capital of five millions of dollars, Thos. Balzey, M. P., from Manchester, president-The company started with £500,000, and it was increased to the above sum, as soon as the news of positive secession in America drilling in the bayonet exercise. was received. Another company has also been formed in London, known as the "Jamaica Cotton Company," with a capital there similar in character to the famous of fifty thousand pounds, Samuel Gurney, Cumming's battery at Charleston. M. P., chairman. "An East India Cotton Company" is also formed in London, with a capital of \$1,250,000, and some of the leading | The heights in the neighborhood are new all capitalists of London are connected with it. The British Cotton Company of Manchester, with a capital of \$1,000,000, has also been formed. The Coventry Cotton Company is may possibly come. also formed with a capital of \$250,000. The Cotton Supply Association is also vigorously at work,, with its arms extended all over the world. This is an older association, having been organized for three years .-The "African Aid Society," of London, recently formed, chairman Lord Alfred S. Churchill. Branches of this association are formed at Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham, and other towns of Great Britain. Two concerns have been started in Carlisle and Manchester entirely for free labor goods.

But such efforts have been made time and again without success. Besides the question so far as English consumption of American cotton is concerned will be settled before these societies get fairly into operation. Starving men cannot wait till new wheat grows, nor can the immense laboring populasion of England, dependant on cotton for daily bread wait for new sources of supply. Whatever may be the eventual result of such inquiries, they can have no bearing on the action of England at present.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

"The Richmond Examiner says:-There were various rumors in the city yesterday in regard to the occupation by Lincoln's troops of some land in the neighborhood of Fortress Monroe. The most authentic account we have heard is, that some new Federal troops have landed near, and are now encamped upon, the farms of Jos. Segar and John Tvler, Esqs., not far from Hampton; and that the commandant of Fortress Monroe has taken possession of a private bridge, belonging to farmers in the neighborhood, upon the plea that it is necessary in order to send water and provisions to the troops of his master. Federal troops now hold a portion of Virginia ground! All accounts represent Nortolk to be in a perfect state of defence, Birds were singing in the trees, and the and we suppose these wretches will hardly echoes of their notes sounded as they do in venture in that direction. We hope the forces at Norfolk, if the Federal troops are no and sweep them from the face of the earth .-Dr. Banks came up from Hampton last evening with the news, which was immrdiately haid before the Governor and Council. The Pawnee is in York river. The Niagara and Cumberland, with other Federal vessels, are

On Saturday, Captain Hunter of the virginia Navy Geo. Blow, Col. H. Robertson, and Capt. Wm. N. Mckenny, went to Fort Monroe, with a flag of truce, in the steamer Empire, J. F Milligan Lieut. Commanding. One object of the visit was to carry down several women whose husbands left in the Cumberland on the night of the fire; and another object was to endeavour to obtain the seven slaves whose escape or seizure we have noticed. Com. Pendergrast offered to give up the negroes, before, Gen. Govern's notice was presented to him. They were of course brought to the city; with the exception of one who could not be found, and who is possibly lurking in the woods .-Norfolk Argus.

The Staunton Spectator says:-The consecrated remains of Gen. Washington have been removed from Mt. Vernon to Lexing ped its seal upon all around, and an indes- ton, to prevent them from being desecrated French. by the soldiers of the North.

Bland County has organized a company of 100-not a man under 6 feet in hight and all practised reflemen.

General G. S. Meem, has withdrawn from canvass for the State Senate.

Hon. A. H. H. Stuart and Col. John B. Baldwin, in letters published in the Staunton Spectator, recommend an undivided vote upon the part of Virginia in fa vor of the ratification of the ordinance of

The following appointments have been made in the Sixth Auditor's office: -W. R. Hurley, first-class clerk, in place of D. A. Carter, resigned; G. A. Tavenner, secondclass clerk, in place of C. F. Macdonald, re-

L. UDOUN COUNTY COURT -The County Court of Loudoug has voted \$50,000 for the purpose of arming the county, and placing the same in a state of defence. Major C. B. Ball, B. P. Noland, esq., Colonel John George and Matthew Harrison, esq. are in the field for the Legislature these genflemen have declared themselves, as we understand in favor of secession.

The Thanks of the Washington Home Guard are tendered to Mr. Charles P. Shaw, for very acceptable favors.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN. At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, May 14, 1861, there were

George Bryan, osq., President. Messrs, Markell, Barton, Simpson, Boothe, Wit ner, and Cazenove. A communication was received from the Mount Vernon Guards.

Mr. Witmer offered the following order, which was passed: Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of the Mount Vernon Guards, for two hundred dollars, for equipment of Company B. The Board then adjourned.

C. POWELL, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL. At a regular meeting of the Common Conneil of

Alexandria, held May 14, 1861, there were pre-

sent. D. Massoy, esq., President. Messrs, Atkinson, McKenzie, Miller, Harper. Smoot, Harmen, Alexander, T. S. Jamieson, Andrew Jamieson, and Snowden. A message was received from the Board of Al dermen, that they had passed the following order, and asked the concurrence of this Branch : Ordered. That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of the Monat Vernon Guards, for two hun dred dollars, for the equipment of Company B. On motion, the order was not concurred in :

Aves-Messes, McKenzie, T. S. Jamieson, Alexander, Atkinson, Snowden, Smoot, and Masту 8-ео2т TARENCH WINDOW GLASS-300 boxes Nays-Messrs. Harper, Harmon, A. Jamieson, and Miller-4. Mr. Harper moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order was lost, which was agreed to: when on motion of Mr. Harper, the order was

On motion, Council then adjourned. JAMES DEMPSEY, Clerk. Teste :

laid on the table.

LATEST NEWS!

Letter from Harper's Ferry.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. HARPER'S FERRY, May 13 .- Last night, more troops arrived, with munitions of war. They are from the Southwestern portion of Virginia. They are a fine looking set of men, stout, and well made.

An idea seems to be getting possession of the Virginians that the bayonet will be their most effective weapon in a contest. Several companies have consequently commenced

The force stationed at the Point of Rocks has been strengthened, and a battery erected More troops have also been sent to Shen-

herdstown, and a battery erected there .occupied, the bridges well defended, and in every direction from which a hostile force

One thousand minnie muskets arrived last evening from North Carolina. Marylanders, are constantly coming in, unarmed. Yesterday about forty of the members of the Maryland Legislature visited this place .-The special object of this visit is not precisely known. Many supposed that they came here to protest against he seizure of the Maryland heights by the Virginia troops. -But the political complexion of the delegation forbids such an inference.

It is thought by some that when war actually begins between Lincoln and Virginia, thousands from Maryland will range them-

selves on the side of the latter. It may be worthy of notice that Ross Winans accompanied the delegation. He believes that there will be no war of any consequence. Spratt. of South Carolina. was also here. A gentleman just from Chambersburg says that the military force stationed there is somewhat in a state of disorganization. That the citizens are leaving the place from fear of the soldiers; and that picket guards are posted in every direction, to prevent a nocturnal surprise, of which J. they are painfully apprehensive.

Last night 55 more beeves were seized. There is now waiting the command of the Quartermaster here 150,000 bushels of grain. all in Jefferson county, and as much more can be obtained from the same county, if necessary. Thus, you see that Jefferson for some time, an army of 10,000 men.

There is quite difference of opinion here in regard to the point of attack which will be selected by Scott.

It is thought by many that there is not the slightest probability of an attack upon this point. All the demonstrations made at Chambersburg, Hagerstown, Frederick and the Relay are believed to be mere feints for the purpose of drawing a large force of Virginians here; and distracting their attention from the true point of attack, which

A number of negro laborers will reach here to-day from the neighborhood. They protected by the guns at Fort Monroe, and are brought here for the purpose of aiding. Lebanon meeting bouse. The land is of good march upon these invaders of our soil at once in the construction of fortifications upon quality. the Maryland and Virginia heights.

From Washington.

SIEGIAL EXPRESS TO THE GAZETTE. WASHINGTON, May 15 .- There was some mysterious movements in this city this morning. The Rhode Island regiment was at an early hour ordered to be in readiness to march at a moment's notice. The caissons of their battery have been quietly gathering fixed ammunition. They may possibly be preparing for an encampment, but

some think their destination is elsewhere. Whoeling and North-western Virginia will probably be the next point of Federal occupation with a view of forming a cordon of the most important points from the outlet of the Chesapeake to the mouth of the Ohio from any point of which an expedition into the Southern States could easily be

New Song.-The song of the "Southern Wagon" is published in slips and can be obtained at the book store of Mr. George E.

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Culpeper Co., sep 1-eotf DLOOMSBURY" FOR SALE .- The under-B signed offers for sale the TRACT, OF LAND called "Bloomsbury," lying in Culpeper County, about three miles from Brandy Station, containing SEVEN HUNDRED ACRES. II adjoins the farm lately sold by Wm. B. Ross to Messrs. Wise & Kennedy, and the lands of C. C.

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Culpeper County, jy 14-cotf HOR SALE.—The subscriber has TWO SMALL FARMS in the county of Prince William, which he will sell on accommodating terms; one a joining the lands of A. Howison, six miles from Bristoe's Station, and the other one and a county can carry on a small war herself half miles above said station-the road running -for 300,000 bushels of grain will support, through it, and both with a great sufficiency of WOOD, TIMBER and WATER. BUILD-INGS good and comfortable, and well fenced. The first named farm has 300 ACRES, the other 400. Not more than one third of the purchase money will be demanded, and the balance in one. two and three years, or longer if required. Per sens wishing to leave the District of Columbia, as well as others, would do well to give me a call, at

Effingham, Prince William county, Va.
CHAS. G. HOWISON. Prince William county, my 4-eo3w TITHREE SMALL AND DESIRABLE FARMS FOR SALE .- I have for sale three small tracts of land in Fairfax county, about five miles from Alexandria, lying between the Little River Turnpike and the Orange and Manassas Gap Rail-

No. 1 contains 133 ACRES, has on it a No. 1 contains 133 ACRES, has on it a of wood. No. 2 contains about 164 acres, and is well wood-

Both these tracts are about equally divided by Turkey Cook Run, a never-failing stream, and are bounded partly by the Manassas road.

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TERMS: - One third cash; one-third in two years; and one-third in three years. The deferred payments to bear interest, payable half yearly, and to be secured by deed of trust. All deeds at the cost R. JOHNSTON. of the purchasers. Attorney for Mrs. E. B. Carter.

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for Kingre's Coaches, which will convey them

lirect to the Springs For further information

Shenan loah County, my 13-1m THE WARRENTON SPRINGS, Fauquier County, Virginia. Will be opened on the 15th of May. N the interval, a limited number of visitors will be received. Terms for board, \$30 per month, \$10 per week, \$2 per day. White servants three

FOR SALE.—A destrable farm containing about 563 ACRES, situated in Culpeper county, an the Rapid Aun River, about 34 miles from Ellis' Mills. Terms reasonable as to amount and time LRWIS ELLIS. Pine View, P. O., Fauquier, co., aug 9-2awtf

fourths; colored servants, and children under ten

and over two years, half price. Horses, fifty cents

per day. ROBT. HUDGIN, Fauquier county, Va., ap 30-d2w

ROBT. HUDGIN, Proprietor.

AUCTION SALES

A COUNTY, FOR SALE.—I offer for sale the Svirture of a deed of trust from Mrs. Nancy Farm on which I reside, "Cole's Hill," one of the Hamilton to Daniel Janney, dated the 16th day most valuable estates in the County. This farm of January, 1856, and of record in the office of Fairfax County Court, and under an order of the TY ACRES, of which about five hundred are ara said Court, made at its March term, 1860, appointing me trustee in the place of the said Dan-iel Janney, deceased, I shall, on Monday, the 20th day of May next, in front of the court house of Fairfax county, Va., offer at public auction, to the highest bidder, a certain TRACT OF LAND conveyed by said deed, situate on the Little River Turnpike Road, in the said county of Fairfax. about four miles from the court house of said county, and containing 315 3-4 ACRES. The land is of the celebrated red soil, is well wooded and watered, under good fences, and has upon it an excellent DWELLING HOUSE and all necessary out buildings. The independent

ine of the Manassas Gap Railroad passes through this land, and a depot is located in it. Take it all together, it is one of the most desirable farms ever fiered for sale in the county of Fairfax. TERMS OF SALE .- A sufficient amount will be equired in hand on the day of sale to pay the costs and expenses of sale, and the amount now lue under said deed of trust and unpaid; the resi-

due upon a credit until the 1st day of December. S61, with interest from the day of sale.

ALFRED MOSS, Trustee.

Fairfax county, ap 12-lawts AND AT PUBLIC SALE .- Wm. S. John. A ston and others vs. Francis R. Johnston and others .- Persuant to a decree of the County Court of Fairfax, made in this cause at its March term 1861, the undersigned Commissioners therein named will offer at public sale, at Fairfax C. H. on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1861, (court day) the FARM of the late Francis Johnston, deceased, near Polick Church, containing 143 ACRES, and adjoining the tarm of the late Robert B. Kirby. The land is of good quality, and the farm, from

ble residence. TERMS of SALE .- One tenth of the purchase money in hand and the residue in three equal payments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale; the said deferred payments to be secured by good persanal security and the retention of the title until the last payment is made; the cash payment to be forfeited and a land resold at the risk of the purchaser upon his failure to comply with the terms of sale
H. W. THOMAS,

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F. E. JOHNSTON, Comm'rs.

Fairfax co., Va., sp 12-lawtMayl&2awts TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND .- Pursuant to the decree of the County Court of Fairfax County in the suit of Edward Lindsay and wife vs. Charles H. Triplett and others, rendered at its March term, 1861, the undersigned Commissioner of sale, by said decree named. will, on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1861, (Court day) before the front door of Fairfax Court House, sell to the highest bidder, at public sale, a TRACT OF LAND containing 19 3-4 ACRES. This land lies adjoining the farm of the late Gee. W. Triplett, known as "Round Hill," and others, and is principally in TIMBER.

TERMS OF SALE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COURT. -One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in hand, on the day of sale, and the residue in three equal instalments at 6, 12 and 18 mouths, with interest from date, to be secured by the notes or the purchaser, with approved security, and retention of the title of the land till the last payment is made; the eash payment to be forfeited and the land resold at the cost of the purchaser in the event of his failing to comply with the terms of THOMAS MOORE, Commissioner.

Fairfax county, Va., ap 12-lawte COMMISSIONERS' SALB OF LAND .- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Al exandria county, rendered in the suit of Swann vs. Dempsey and others, at November term, 1860, the undersigned, will on the 18th day of May 1861, at 12 o'clock, M., in front of the Mayor'. Office, in the city of Alexandria, sell at public auction, a tract of land in the county of Alexandria, containing about 247 ACRES, lying on the waters of Four Mile Run, being the tract of land of which Dr R. B. Alexander, died seized. Also, a LOT OF GROUND known as the OLD FACTORY, containing 2 1-2 ACRES.

The property will be divided into parcels, and if desired, by the present proprietor, the lots will be sold separately. TERMS OF SALE :- A sufficient amount of the purchase money in cash, to pay \$2860.24, with interest from 28th December, 1858, and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal payments, at 6, 12, and 18 months, from the day of salethe deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the bonds of the

purchasers, and the title to be retained till said

bonds are paid. F. L. SMITH, L. B. TAYLOR, ap 18--2awts I. L. KINZER. Commr's. CHERIFF'S SALE OF FLOUR .- On Thick day, the 23d of May, 1861, at 12 o'clock, M., in front of the store of Partlow, Hill & Co, on King street, in the city of Alexandria. I will sell at public auction, for cash, FORTY BARKELS FLOUR, seized and levied on by virtue of and to satisfy an execution in the name of Hill, Brown & Partlow vs. John Pettibone.

my 13-ents C. M. CASTLEMAN, Sheriff. \$100 REWARD.—Runsway from the subcounty, Virginia, on the 22d March, 1861, a negro boy named GRAYSON, aged about 16 or 17 years, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, dark copper celor-his eyes are of a yellowish cast. He had on when he left a suit of drab full liney: a pair of new shoos, a black slouch wool har, with a broad brim, and a broad ribbon around it. The above named boy was purchased by me of Wm. Bennett, in Warren county, Va., on the 14th March. I will give the above reward if taken out of the State, or \$50 if taken in any of the adjoining counties and returned to me, or secured

in jail, so that I get him again.
RICHARD COOPER. Warrenton, Pauquier co., Va., ap 20-eotf \$100 REWARD.—Ranaway from the sub-scriber, living near Charlottesville, on Easter Monday, negro man WASHINGTON .-He is about thirty-five years old, black, of medium heighth, and stoops in the shoulders. I will pay the above reward for his apprehension

in any of the border counties, and delivery to me. W. W. TEBBS. Albemarle county, Va., my 8-ootf POTOMAC FISH.

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